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ON the 16th paſt their Catholick Majeſties, with the Royal Family, and the Court, arrived at Badajoz; much fatigued with the bad Weather, which had ſcarce ever ceaſed from the Time they left this Place, and made the Roads, notwithſtanding all the Precautions taken, almoſt impracticable. The Exchange of the Princeſſes was to have been performed, by mutual Agreement of the Courts of Spain and Portugal, the next Day. The 17th the King being informed that the King and Queen of Portugal, the Princeſs of Aſturias, the Prince of Braſil, and the Infantes of Portugal arrived the Night before at Elvas, three Leagues from Badajoz, ſent thither at Eight in the Morning the Duke of Solferino to compliment them; and two Hours after, the Conde de Montijo a Grandee of Spain, carried the Preſent to the Princeſs of Aſturias. About the ſame Time, the King of Portugal ſent to Badajoz the Marqueſs de Alegrete to make a Compliment to their Catholick Majeſties and Royal Family; and about Four in the Afternoon the Marqueſs de Caſcaes arrived there with the Preſent for the Princeſs of Brazil. The ſame Day the Marqueſs de Abrantes came thither from the King of Portugal, to deſire that the Ceremony of the Exchange of the Princeſſes might be delayed till the 18th, becauſe his Court was not in Readineſs. Whereupon the King of Spain fixed the 19th for that Ceremony. On the 19th every Thing being prepared on both Sides, the two Courts met at about Four in the Afternoon, at a Houſe built for this Purpoſe upon the little River Caya, which ſeparates the two Kingdoms, the ſaid Houſe conſiſting of two Antichambers and a Salon in the Middle. The two Kings advanced towards each other, and embraced, with all Marks of Friendſhip; the Queens did the ſame; and were followed by the reſt of both the Royal Families; after which they retired to their reſpective Seats, and the Marqueſs de la Paz and Sig. Mendoza attended with the Marriage Contracts, which were ſigned by the Kings, Queens, and Princes, reciprocally. The Great Officers and Ladies of Honour on both Sides were preſented mutually to the reſpective Courts, and then they exchanged the Princeſſes; upon which their Majeſties renewed their Embraces and both Courts parted: This Interview and Ceremony was performed with all imaginable Splendor and Magnificence. On the 23d the two Courts had a ſecond, and on the 25th a third and laſt Interview. The 27th the Court of Spain ſet out from Badajoz for Seville.

Hague, Feb. 25, *N. S.* On the 17th Inſtant in the Evening the Prince of Naſſau-Friſeland arrived here from Utrecht. The 18th in the Morning he made Viſits to the Preſidents of the Aſſembly of the States General, of the Council of State, and of the Chamber of Accompts; and being returned to his Houſe, thoſe three Bodies cauſed their Compliments to be paid to him by their ſaid Preſidents. The ſame Morning the Prince received the Compliments likewiſe of all the publick Miniſters, and of many Perſons of Diſtinction. On the 22d he received the Compliments of the Body of Nobles of the Province of Holland. On Wedneſday laſt his Highneſs was entertained by his Excellency the Earl of Cheſterfield at Supper and with a Ball, at which appeared the chief Perſons of both Sexes here, in very rich Dreſſes. Count Plelo and his Lady arrived here the ſame Day from France, and aſſiſted at the ſaid Entertainment: And this Day they are

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